TITLE IV-A COALITION

The Title IV-A Coalition is grateful for the funding boost to SSAE grant program proposed by House Subcommittee

On behalf of the undersigned members of the Title IV-A Coalition, we offer the following response to the House's FY 2020 LHHS-Ed appropriations bill, which includes $1.32 billion for the Student Support and Academic Enrichment (SSAE) grant program, authorized under Title IV, Part A of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

Washington D.C., April 30th, 2019 — *The Title IV-A Coalition is extremely grateful to the House LHHS-Education Subcommittee for the proposed $1.32 billion, an increase of $150 million over the enacted FY19 level, for the bipartisan Student Support and Academic Enrichment block grant program. We are thankful that House appropriators have once again recognized the importance of this flexible funding stream, which at this level of funding, will continue to allow districts to meaningfully invest in all three areas that the program supports: safe and healthy students, well-rounded education, and the effective use of technology. Building on the past two years of strong investments in Title IV-A, we are excited about the ongoing opportunity for states and districts to maintain and expand the critical programs and educational services they have been able to support using these funds. Additionally, providing continuous robust funding is necessary to allow districts to plan for the long-term sustainability of the services and programs funded under this program. The Coalition looks forward to working with the Department of Education, and state and district leaders to collect data that truly portrays the value of this investments over time.*

We sincerely thank the subcommittee for its strong support of the Title IV-A program and hope that, once Congress and the Administration reach a final agreement on overall spending caps, the final appropriations bill will include full funding for the SSAE grant program at its authorized level of $1.6 billion.